

# **Wooster High School Guidance Dept.**

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Wooster City School District

September 2014

Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

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## ***Principal's Message:***

Welcome back to another school year. We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful school that provides many opportunities for all our students both academically and socially.

We thank our students and teachers for their work as we have recently been recognized by "The Daily Beast" as one of the top high schools in the country. It is quite an accomplishment to be back on this list once again.

This fall will see some changes to our assessment protocols at the high school. We will no longer administer the PLAN and EXPLORE tests as those assessments have been retired by the ACT Corporation. NWEA will also no longer be used as a formative assessment at the high school. Instead, both juniors and sophomores will have the ability to take the PSAT on test day, October 15. The fall Ohio Graduation tests will be administered the week of October 27 for those juniors and seniors that need to complete the OGT requirements.

Wooster has a multitude of opportunities and we encourage students to strive for excellence. Please partner with us as we create a dynamic educational experience that will foster a lifetime of learning.

*~ Tyler Keener, Principal*

## **Attendance Changes:**

Attendance is now taken at the beginning of first period. Please make certain that if your student arrives after 7:40am, he/she visits the attendance secretary, Mrs. Timko, upon arrival. Juniors/Seniors who have late arrival MUST sign in with attendance when they arrive prior to second period. Failure to do so may result in an unexcused absence for that day and excessive failures to sign in may result in the loss of the privilege.

## **ACT/SAT TEST DATES:**

Sign up for the ACT on-line at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The cost for the ACT (no writing) is \$38.00 and the ACT Plus Writing is \$54.00.

### **The test dates are:**

October 25, 2014  
December 13, 2014  
February 7, 2015  
April 18, 2015  
June 13, 2015

### **The registration deadline is:**

September 19, 2014  
November 7, 2014  
January 9, 2015  
March 13, 2015  
May 8, 2015

### **Late fee required:**

September 20- October 3, 2014  
November 8-21, 2014  
January 10-16, 2015  
March 14-27, 2015  
May 9-22, 2015

WHS will offer the ACT during the school day on April 15, 2015. Look for information to follow.

Sign up for the SAT on-line at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The cost for the SAT is \$52.50

### **The test dates are:**

October 11, 2014  
November 8, 2014  
December 6, 2014  
January 24, 2015  
March 14, 2015  
May 2, 2015  
June 6, 2015

### **The registration deadline is:**

September 12, 2014  
October 9, 2014  
November 6, 2014  
December 29, 2014  
February 13, 2015  
April 6, 2015  
May 8, 2015

### **Late fee required:**

September 30, 2014  
October 28, 2014  
November 24, 2014  
January 13, 2015  
March 3, 2015  
April 21, 2015  
May 27, 2015

**BOLD denotes tests given at WHS (School Code: 365-630)**

## **College Application Deadlines**

College applications due by January 1 will need to be turned in to the Guidance Office by December 12. Guidance counselors will NOT, under any circumstances, be expected to process college applications received the week of December 15-19. Therefore, students requiring applications to be mailed prior to winter break, MUST turn them in to their counselor by December 12. There will be NO exceptions! The Guidance Office will accept applications due after January 1 at any time and will process them upon return on January 5.

## **Guidance Activities**

### **September**

Wayne County Counselor's Association College Fair

- \* **September 29, 2014, 6:30-8:00pm**

ACT Test-

- **September 30**/in-house/9-12 grades

### **October/November/March**

WCSCC Sophomore Presentation Day

- **October 9, 2014**

PSAT

- **October 15, 2014**
- Juniors /Sophomores

Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)

- **October 27-October 31**  
Juniors and seniors only
- **November 3-6:** Make-ups
- \* **March 16-20**  
All sophomores; juniors and seniors as needed
- **March 23-27:** Makeups

### **November/December**

WCSCC Visitation Day

- \* **Friday, November 21, 2014**

WCSCC Open House

- \* **December 4, 2014**

### **February**

Post-Secondary Enrollment

- \*Option meeting with parents,  
**February 12**

New Ohio Academic Tests for  
grades 8 & 9(Performance Based)

**February 17- March 20**

### **April/May**

Grade 8/9 End of the Course Test

- \* **April 13 - May 15**

ACT Test

- \* **April 28, 2015**

Advanced Placement Testing

- \* **May 4 - 15, 2015**
- \* Cost per exam- \$91.00



### ***Seniors:***

It's time to be thinking about future plans. Information about colleges may be gathered by making campus visits,\* college fairs, and attending presentations by college representatives that visit WHS.

\*NOTE: Juniors and seniors are permitted three (3) college visitation days per year prior to May 1.

**WHS will hold our yearly College Fair on September 29, 2014, from 6:30-8:00pm here at WHS. We have approximately 75+ colleges/universities attending. This is a great place to get information regarding the institutions you might consider attending.**

**The guidance counselors would like to make the following suggestions for seniors:**

- **Take or retake the ACT or SAT college entrance tests to improve your score.**
- **Be aware of college admission deadlines and APPLY EARLY!**
- **Apply for financial aid in January. (Check to see if FAFSA instructions/forms are available in the Guidance Office)**
- **Complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), after January 1, 2015.**
- **Continue to take a challenging curriculum of classes.**
- **Make an appointment to meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your future plans – especially if you have senior privilege first or last period.**
- **Prepare an activity sheet of community/school involvement to send with admission and scholarship applications.**
- **Check bulletin boards in the guidance office for information about college visits and scholarships. Search out information or other options in addition to college – i.e. military, trade school, technical training.**

### ***Juniors:***

Some important points for juniors to think about and begin acting on this year:

- **Sign up to take the PSAT – a test that could qualify you to become a National Merit scholar and receive money for college. Also, it is a good practice test for the SAT. There are a limited number of tests given. The fee for the PSAT is \$14.00 and may be paid through Oct. 12 and will be given on Oct 15. Make checks payable to WHS.**
- Register and take the ACT or SAT sometime this school year.
- Begin your college search by visiting schools. Follow WHS guidelines for visitation
- Keep in mind the college prep core courses suggested for college success when planning your senior year schedule.
- Become familiar with admission requirements of schools of interest.
- Use the college materials available in the Guidance office.

### ***Sophomores:***

- **Sign up to take the PSAT – a test that could qualify you to become a National Merit scholar and receive money for college. Also, it is a good practice test for the SAT. There are a limited number of tests given. The fee for the PSAT is \$14.00 and may be paid through Oct. 12 and will be given on Oct 15. Make checks payable to WHS.**
  - If you are considering the **Wayne County Schools Career Center** for next year, mark these dates on your calendar.:
    - October 9, 2014-** ambassadors from the WCSCC will be in the PAC for presentations. You will learn about the variety of programs the WCSCC has to offer.
    - November 21, 2014-** Sophomore Visitation Day
    - December 4, 2014-** WCSCC Open House
- \* Keep working hard to maintain good grades. Ask questions when you do not understand.

### ***Freshman/ Grade 8:***

- House Bill 487 updated Ohio's graduation requirements beginning with the Class of 2018. There will be end of the year course exams rather than the OGT. Visit [www.woostercityschools.org/hs](http://www.woostercityschools.org/hs) for the latest information.



Students of the Month for September are: Sydney Sleek & Taylor Bennington. Congratulations!

## College Visitations

College Admissions Counselors will be available to meet with juniors and seniors now through mid November. This list includes: Ashland University, Miami University, The Ohio State University, Trine University & many, many more. Listen to the daily announcements to hear who is visiting, check out the bulletin board outside of the guidance office or visit the guidance webpage at [woosterguidance.wikispaces.com](http://woosterguidance.wikispaces.com). This website is updated daily. If you wish to speak with a visiting college admissions counselor, please sign up in the guidance office. Don't forget to follow us on @Wooguidance.

## Guidance Department Webpage and College Application Podcast

The Wooster High School Guidance Department webpage can be found at [www.woostercityschools.org](http://www.woostercityschools.org). Click on Wooster High School, then click on WHS Guidance under the Academics section. The page contains many items of interest: athletic eligibility, career resources, homework helper, and testing information. (ACT, SAT, PSAT, OGT.)

The college information center will hopefully address concerns regarding the college process. The College Application Podcast will explain the steps necessary to complete the college application process for Wooster High School, along with the required material.

The scholarship section will be updated as the Guidance Office receives scholarship information. The Guidance web page will continue to be updated throughout the school year, as concerns are addressed. Please feel free to contact the appropriate Guidance Counselor with any questions.

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## Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Who:** Grades 8-12

**When:** Monday, November 3 and  
Wednesday, November 5 from 5:00-  
8:00 pm

**Where:** WHS Commons and Grade 8  
Hallway outside of classrooms.  
Grade 8 elective teachers will be in  
the main 2nd floor corridor near the  
Grade 8 hallway. Elective teachers  
that also have 9-12 grade students  
will be found in the commons area.  
No appointment necessary.

## Free and Reduced Lunch Yearly Verification

A new application must be submitted before September 26, 2014, to continue on the free/reduced lunch program. Students will be terminated from the program if an application has not been submitted by that date and will be charged full price for breakfast and lunch. New applicants can submit an application at any time. If a change regarding income or household size has occurred, an updated application must also be submitted. Applications are available on the Wooster City Schools website or at any school. Questions can be directed to Sue Case, WHS Food Service secretary, at 330-345-4900.